Price Waves White Flag Prophetically in 125-115 All-Star Defeat

■ **Basketball:** Loaded Blue team coasts, but Hartman and Lopez have their moments.

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IRVINE—Ricky Price is a pretty smart guy—after all, the 6-foot-6 forward from Serra High is headed to Duke this fall.

So he knew what he was saying when, playing for the White all-star team, he walked over to the Blue all-stars' bench in the third quarter and asked, "You gonna break this team up?"

The Blue all-stars answered with laughter and a 125-115 victory over the Whites in the Southern California Summer Showcase basketball game Saturday night at UC Irvine.

The Blues were stacked with talent, featuring the UCLA-bound trio of J.R. Henderson of Bakersfield East, Kris Johnson of Crenshaw and Toby Bailey of Loyola.

The Whites, meanwhile, had Jason Hartman of Thousand Oaks and Alex Lopez of Campbell Hall, both headed to Washington. Another area player scheduled to appear, Damon Ollie of North Hollywood, was a no-show.

The game was a fan's delight, so much so that when Hartman softly laid the ball in on a breakaway late in the game, some spectators booed.

"When I went up my legs just didn't have enough," said Hartman, who had five points and two rebounds. "But this was great. I was just happy to be out on the court with these guys. I wasn't expecting to do anything."

Lopez had the daunting task of guarding Henderson, the highly recruited 6-foot-8 forward who was named the game's most valuable player after a 26-point, six-rebound performance. Johnson added 24 points and nine rebounds.

"I think I played good defense on J.R.," said Lopez, who had eight points and six rebounds. "Offensively I scored, and I made some good passes."

The Blues held the Whites at arm's distance the entire second half, not letting the difference drop to below eight points.

Two free throws from Sam Tarks got the Whites to within 111-103 with 2:46 left, but no closer.

"These are the kinds of players I'll be playing against," Hartman said. "I've got to start improving my perimeter game and defense [for next season]."

The teams traded leads until near the end of the first quarter, when the Blues went on a 9-2 run. Chris Clayton's layup made it 28-16 with 1:45 left in the period.

The Whites narrowed the deficit to 32-27 on Miles Simon's layup, but the Blues increased the lead to 62-44 before the Whites trimmed it to 64-54 at halftime.

SAUGUS SPEEDWAY

Pole-to-Pole Victory Is a First for Monroe

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SAUGUS—Sean Monroe picked a fine time to register his first Sportsman victory.

The Los Angeles resident, who failed to win a Sportsman feature in nine starts this season, earned valuable points and $1,200 as he pulled away to win the fourth leg of the Sportsman Championship Series on Saturday night at Saugus Speedway.

Monroe started on the pole for the 75-lap event and was never seriously challenged.

Ron Daniels of San Bernardino finished a distant second, followed by Simi Valley's Craig Rayburn and Gary Sigman of Carson.

Defending champion Pat Mintey Jr. of Quartz Hill finished ninth in his first appearance since July 2, when he vowed never to return to the one-third-of-a-mile oval following a racing incident.

Saugus points leader Sean Woodside of Saugus was 11th after spinning twice while running in the top five.

In the 30-lap Grand American Modified main event, Canyon Country's Rick Crow held off a strong challenge from three-time defending champion and current point leader Dave Phipps of Simi Valley to win his first-ever Grand Am feature.

Crow started on the outside of the second row following a restart, but moved into the lead on the third lap when leader Larry Krieger suffered a flat tire.

Phipps finished a half a car length behind Crow, but increased his lead to 30 points over Reseda's Dave Blankenship, who was third.

Gary Nazaroff entered the night in second place, 11 points behind Phipps, but the Covina resident garnered just two points in the main event and dropped to third, two behind Blankenship.

Dean Grizzaffi of Granada Hills moved past pole-sitter John Cappi with just five laps left and pulled away to win the 25-lap Street Stock oval main event.

Cappi wound up second followed by points leader John Schultz of Valencia, who started 18th in an inverted start.

Schultz also won the four-lap oval trophy dash and increased his lead to 34 points heading into the figure-eight main event, which was not completed by press time.

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"I've definitely done it the hard way," says Joey Jenkins, signing autographs in Huntington Beach.

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courtesy of an invitation.

He finished 37th overall, which would not have guaranteed him a place this year.

Knowing he couldn't count on a world-tour berth that way, Jenkins competed in qualifying events all year long as well. He finished 11th time, and sooner or later it's going to pay off," Garcia said.

At the moment, Jenkins is 13th on both tours, but clearly he wants more. Paddling out before his heat Friday, Jenkins grabbed a wave at the opening buzzer. He scored one 6 and a couple of 5s while the other three surfers in his heat were finding 4s. He led from beginning to end, but when he left the water he was still not satisfied.

"I wasn't surfing to my potential. tomorrow," Jenkins said.

And Saturday, after advancing by the narrowest of margins, it was the same. "I'm not making any mistakes but I'm not surfing as explosively as I'd like to," he said.

More than content with the life of a surfing professional, Jenkins has but two wishes—more from the sponsorship community and more from himself. And at least one he can count on.

"If I didn't feel I was improving,

DIGEST

Klein Aids U.S. Cause in Cup Golf

Emilee Klein of Studio City, the women's NCAA champion from Arizona State, defeated **Janice Moodie** of Scotland, 3 and 2, Saturday to help the the United States hold a 5-4 lead after the first day of matches in the 28th Curtis Cup in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Klein also teamed with **Carol Semple Thompson** of Sewickely, Pa., to beat **Kirsty Speak** and **Mhairi McKay**, 7 and 5, in a foursomes match.

The Curtis Cup is a biennial competition matching women amateur golfers from the United States against their counterparts from Britain and Ireland.

Saturday's play featured six players from each team in match play in the morning and three two-woman teams alternating shots in the afternoon. The competition concludes today.

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After two solid early rounds, **Heidi Voorhees** of Valley Village shot a disappointing seven-over-par 79 in the third round of the LPGA Ping-Welch's Championship at the Blue Hill Country Club in Canton, Mass., and fell to the back of the pack.